

(A) IN GENERAL.--TO ASSIST WITH THE PRESERVATION, IMPROVEMENT, AND MANAGEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF AIR, LAND, AND WATER RESOURCES, AND TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE, IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ENACTMENT OF THIS SUBTITLE TO PROVIDE FOR DEPENDABLE, EFFECTIVE, AND EFFICIENT WATER SUPPLY AND PURIFICATION AND DISPOSAL OF LIQUID AND SOLID WASTES, TO ENCOURAGE REDUCTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF WASTE GENERATED AND DISCHARGED TO THE ENVIRONMENT; AND TO SERVE ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS. FOR THESE PURPOSES, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CREATES AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE CONSTITUTED AS A BODY POLITIC AND CORPORATE TO PROVIDE WATER SUPPLY AND WASTE PURIFICATION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES GOVERNING AIR, LAND, AND WATER POLLUTION TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTRUMENTALITIES, AND WITH SAFEGUARDS TO PROTECT THE AUTONOMY OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND THE RIGHTS OF THE PRIVATE ENTITIES IT SERVES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived from Article 33B, section 1 of the Code, as amended by Chapter 523, Acts of 1972.

(B) THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED TO EFFECT ITS PURPOSES. HOWEVER, NOTHING CONTAINED IN IT SHALL RESTRICT ANY CONTROL WHICH THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE AND NATURAL RESOURCES, OR OF THEIR UNITS, ARE EMPOWERED TO EXERCISE OVER ANY WATER SUPPLY, WASTE WATER PURIFICATION OR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL PROJECT AUTHORIZED BY THIS SUBTITLE, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 3-113(E); NOR INTERFERE WITH OR AFFECT THE OPERATION OF EXISTING WASTE WATER PURIFICATION, WATER SUPPLY, OR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL PROJECTS FOUND BY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE TO BE ADEQUATELY AND LAWFULLY OPERATED BY MUNICIPALITIES HAVING JURISDICTION OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEM, EXCEPT BY THEIR EXPRESS CONSENT AND AGREEMENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived from Article 33B, section 28 of the Code, as amended by Chapter 523, Acts of 1972.

(C) CONSTRUCTION AS TO ZONING OR LAND USE PLANNING AUTHORITY OF MUNICIPALITY OR PUBLIC INSTRUMENTALITY.--NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO ALTER, CHANGE, MODIFY, OR RESTRICT THE